

## Message Text

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O 191546Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6300  
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MOPS PINS CG  
SUBJECT: KOLWEZI EVACUATION

REF: STATE 127568

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH ASSISTANT  
UNDER SECRETARY PHILIP MANSFIELD AFTERNOON OF MAY 19.  
RE PARA ONE, MANSFIELD SAID UK AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY  
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN LETTER FROM GOZ REQUESTING UK  
ASSISTANCE IN PROTECTION OF COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS IN  
KOLWEZI. THERE IS NO RESPONSE YET FROM KINSHASA, BUT  
MANSFIELD SAID HE WOULD SEND FOLLOW-UP INSTRUCTION  
URGING UK AMBASSADOR TO OBTAIN LETTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
AND TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER THREE AMBASSADORS. ASKED  
IF HMG WOULD MAKE TEXT PUBLIC, MANSFIELD ANSWERED THAT  
FACT OF THE LETTER AND ZAIRIAN APPEAL WOULD BE REFERRED  
TO PUBLICLY IN A MINISTERIAL RESPONSE TO A PARLIAMENTARY  
QUESTION.

2. MANSFIELD WAS NOT AWARE OF THE DISAGREEMENT AMONG  
AMBASSADORS IN NEW YORK ON MAY 18 (USUN 2025). EMBASSY  
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OFFICER DESCRIBED MEETING AND SAID THAT SINCE EVACUATION  
OPERATION IS ALREADY IN TRAIN, WE SHOULD MOVE PROMPTLY  
TO BUILD THE PUBLIC RECORD. MANSFIELD AGREES TO  
AUTHORIZE UK AMBASSADORS IN KINSHASA (PREFERABLY) AND  
NEW YORK TO CONCERT WITH COLLEAGUES IN DEVELOPING PUBLIC  
LETTER FROM MOBUTU TO SC PRESIDENT.

STREATOR

DISSIMINATION COORDINATED WITH SS/O PER MR. SUMMERS.

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## Message Attributes

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